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THE TRUE
NARRATIVE
OF THE
PROCEEDINGS
AT
The Sessions House
IN THE
OLDBAYLY

which began on *Wednesday* the 18th of this Instant *April* and ended on *Thursday* the 19th following;

Giving an Account of most of the Remarkable Trials there, *viz.* For Murder Felonies and Burglaries, &c. with a particular Relation of their Names, and the places of their committing their Facts, with the number of those Condemned to die, Burn'd in the Hand, Transported and to be whipt.

Entered according to ORDER.

AT the Sessions of *Oyer and Terminer* that began at the *Old-Bayly* on *Wednesday* the 18th of *April* and ended the 19th of the same Instant The proceedings were these.

Mary Smith was Indicted and tryed for stealing a Coat & waistcoat on the 22th of *February* last, from *Allen Tuller* of *St. Anns Black Fryars* whereupon it was swore against her that she had sold them and confessed that she took them from the house of the prosecutor who was then her Master; to which she pleaded Ignorance as to the theft, saying she received them of a young man then Lodging in the house, of whom she had some small acquaintance at *Cambridge* e're she came to *London*; and that he told her the Cloaths were his own and therefore desired her to sell them for him, but no manner of proof appearing to confirme what she Alledged the Jury found her Guilty though only to the Value of 10 d.

Ralph Philips, was Indicted for killing *John Herne* on the first of *March* last, the manner thus, the Prisoner and the deceased drinking in a *Tavern* in the *Savoy* with divers other Gentlemen; the deceased being in drink, grossly abused the Prisoner, and notwithstanding all the intreaty's that could be used to persuade him to the Contrary, could not cause him to rest satisfied, but following the Prisoner after his departure from the said *Tavern* would oblige to fight him, in which conflict *Herne* received a mortal wound under his left Pap of which he within an hours space died, but no premeditated Malice appearing the Prisoner was found Guilty only of *Manslaughter*.

Richard

Richard Thacrell being Indicted for stealing a Silver tankard upon his Arraignment pleaded Guilty to that and all other Indictments under the benefit of Clergy.

James Hull being Likewise Indicted for Robbing the Earl of *Powis* on the 15th of February last of 15 Pounds pleaded Guilty to his Indictment.

William Hugs was in Indicted for picking the pocket of the wife of one *Frances Heming* in *leadon-Hall-Street* who upon his Arraignment pleading not Guilty it was Sworn against him by the prosecutor that she took his hand in her pocket but that being too strong for her he got away carrying with him a box and other things valued at six shillings and that upon her crying after him he was Stopt though upon search the said box was not found about him yet it was conjectured (as usual it is) that he had his receivers at hand to whom he delivered his prize and he having been an old Offender he was found Guilty.

Thomas Smith was indicted for stealing a copper pot, a kettle, Saucepan, spoons, pewter plates and the Like on the 7 of March last from *Henry Butler* of *Stepney*; the which upon his tryal appearing only that one of the pots Lost was found to be sold by him to a brazier; to counterballance which he brought witnesses to prove that he bought the said pot of one *Jones* now prisoner in new-gate for the said Robbery and that he gave a Market price for it being his trade to buy things at second hand whereupon he was acquitted of that Indictment.

Mary Baly, was Indicted for stealing a *Mahon Gown*, a pair of *Silk Stockings*, a *Scarf*, a pair of *Holland-Sleeves*, *Porrengers*, &c. on the 28th of February last, out of the House of *John Webby*, of *St. Giles's* in the *Fields*. where she lived in the nature of a Servant; to which upon her Arraignment she pleaded not Guilty, but after the Fact by the Evidence was plainly proved, she confessed that an Old Woman supposed now be her Confederate, and in whose custody part of the Goods were found, took them by her Permission, in the absence of her Master and Mistress; upon which the Jury brought her in Guilty of the Felony.

Elizabeth Cherry, was Indicted for that she on the 13th. of December last, Robbed the House of one *Mr. Quarles* of *St. Giles's* in the *Fields*, of a *Pette-Coat*, *Sleeves*, and other Linnen, to a considerable value, which being proved against her, as found where she had disposed of them: and also in her Examination before the Justice, who committed her, she had confessed the Fact: and she now hardly denying it, was found Guilty.

William Sims, was Indicted for stealing a *Silver Tankard* valued at six pounds, from *Elizabeth Freeman*, at the *Crown* in the *Old Palace-Yard Westminster*, to which upon his Arraignment, he pleaded not Guilty: whereupon the Womans Daughter, who lost the *Tankard* was sworn; who gave Evidence that such a manner of man came in and called for a *Tankard* of Beer, and whilst she was busie below stairs slid down from the Balcony and Marched off with the *tankard*: but a long time bogled in her Evidence ere she would charge the prisoner to be the man which made the court suspect that she had been tampered with and that she might the better know him Caused his great



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great Coat to be pulled off upon which she knowing the suit of Cloaths to be the same with those the person wore, when the *Tankard* was lost swore him positively to be the man, and he no way able to give any account of himself, having been once before pardoned he now was found Guilty.

Robert Savage a Soldier, was Indicted for shooting one *Philip Russell* his fellow Soldier. The manner (as upon his Tryal it appeared) thus, the Prisoner being set Sentinel, the deceased and an other Soldier coming along, the deceased in a jesting manner, said to the other here's the Rogue *Savage* lets kill him; and not thinking further harm passed him, who Cocking his Piece swore he would kill him first, and thereupon fired, so that the Bullet entering under his Short-Ribs went out behind, of which within two hours he died. The Prisoner being demanded what he could say for himself, alledged that he did but his Duty, and that he prevented the other from killing him; and for ought he knew he had a design to seize the Tower, with many such frivolous excuses, but appearing that he offered him no hurt, nor so much as took his Piece from off his Shoulder, *Savage* was found Guilty of willful Murder.

Philip Johnson was likewise tried for killing *John Mills* a Child not above half a year old on the 14th of March last, the manner thus, he coming into the house of the Mother of the Child living in *St. Martins in the Fields*, and calling for Brandy, would have gone up Stairs with a Woman he pretended to be his Wife, but the Woman of the house not permitting it he fell to raling and abusing her after a gross rate, but in the end she got him out of the Doors: but not satisfied (or as he said himself) fully revenged 3 days after he came again, and fell to breaking the Windows, to prevent which the Woman with her Child in her Arms Endeavouring he struck at her, and whether missing his blow, or that he did it purposely is uncertain, hit the Child such a blow on the head, that within a short time it died, but the Jury not imagining that he wilfully struck the Child, brought him in Guilty of Manslaughter.

Samuel Lambert, was Indicted for stealing a Gelding twenty pounds price, from a person in *Hertsford-shire*, which he exposed to fail for the sum of fifty Shillings, upon which he was apprehended (who upon his Tryal pleaded that he bought him of a man upon, or near, *Hounslow-Heath* for thirty four Shillings, but neither able to produce the person, nor give any satisfactory account of his own Life and Reputation he was found Guilty.

Elizabeth Clark, of *St. Pauls Convent-Garden*, was Tried of an Accessory to the Death of *Sir William Throckmorton*, killed by one *James Stanier*, in the 28th of June last, the said *Stanier* being fled and out-lawed for the same, the Circumstances as they appeared upon Evidence were these, the deceased coming to the Prisoners, somewhat in drink, & gave several abusive words to *Stanier* who lodged there, for which the Prisoner rebuking him & he rudely handling her, she said that Mr. *Stanier* or his brother, should take satisfaction, when the next day a letter coming to the deceased, he met *Stanier* at the Spring-Garden in *Westminster*, where fighting *Sir William* was slain, but other Evidence in the behalf of the Prisoner Counterballancing what had been said against her she was acquitted. *Ralph*

Henry Conmay, was Tryed for killing *John Griffith*, on the 3d. of *March* last, the which upon Evidence appeared that the Prisoner and the deceased being together all night and playing at Dice, the deceased lost, and not having money to answer his losing the Prisoner called him Cheat, at which the deceased being offended told him he should answer it another time, and so breaking up, they went into *Lamb's-Conduit-Field*, and there fought, when after several passes *Griffith* fell down dead being run into the Body 6. Inches, the Prisoner being likewise run through the Body, and wounded in several other places but no preence of Malice appearing he was found Guilty of Man-slaughter.

Henry Rossington, was Indicted for killing *Stephen Low* on the 30th. of *March* last, near the *May-pole* in the *Strand*, the quarrel arising about the Prisoners taking the part of a Woman, that the deceased & some others his Companions were abusing in the Street, upon which provocative words and blows passing on both sides, the Prisoner wounded *Low* in the Breast with his Sword of which wound he instantly died, but the meeting being being Accidental, and the Mischief done in heat of blood, it was found but Man-slaughter.

William Griffith, and *James Griffith* were Tryed for stealing a *Beaver-Hat* valued 40 Shillings from *John Goodwin*, of which the former being Convicted, the latter confessed the Felony.

John Littleton, Alias *Bauts*, was Tryed for picking the pocket of *Margaret Haly*, on the 13. of *March* last, in *Cheap-side*, of 6 twenty-shilling pieces of Broad Gold, one 22. Shilling piece, a *Barbary* piece and fifteen Shillings, in money, but not being taken in the Fact nor any of the said money found about him he was acquitted.

Elizabeth Whitehead, of *Dukes-place*, was Tryed for Clipping and Coining, Queen *Elizabeth* Shillings, and King *Charles* the first, his Half-Crowns, some of either sort of which being taken about her at the time of her being apprehended yet the Actual Coining and Clipping not being proved upon her, she was acquitted.

Peter Mathew, was Tryed for Robbing *Richard Brown* on the 21st. past of two Silver Tankards, three Rings, 5. Silver Spoons, a set of Silver Buttons, a Silver Salt, 16. Pounds in Money and other things; the manner thus, he and five more coming into the house of the Prosecutor to drink late, watched their opportunity bound the Master his Servants, and who ever else they layed hands on, and then breaking open the Doors, rifled the House and departed, which being sworn in Court against the Prisoner, was found Guilty both of Burglary and Felony.

Frances Johnson, was Tryed for stealing a Cravat, Silver Buckles a Hat and other things, from *John Copley*, which being proved against him he was found Guilty.

Hugh Jones, was Tryed for stealing 20. pair of Gloves, for which upon proof that he stole them, and had disposed of them at under rates, he was convicted of the Felony.

At this Remarkable Sessions, were 6 Burnt in the hand. Viz. *Henry Conmay*, *Hugh Jones*, *Henry Rossington*, *Phillips*, *Katharine Seel*, and *Mary Smith* 9 Ordered for Transportation, Viz. *Richard Mackril*, *James Hall*, *William Griffith*, *James Griffith*, *William Sims*, *Philly Johnson*, *Thomas Powis*, *Frances Johnson*, and *James Turner* 6. Received Sentence of Death; Viz. *William Rips*, *Peter Mathew*, *Robert Savage*, *Sammel Lamberr*, *Thomas Care*, and *Elizabeth Cherry*, And 5. Sentenced to be whipped, and so ended the Sessions.



